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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to file an Appeal Brief be extended three (3) months, up to and including May 11, 2003, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), please charge Hayes Lemmerz International Deposit Account No. 08-1393 in the amount of \$930.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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